

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : Group No: 2131
Ashley Anderson Brock et al. : Examiner: Longbit Chai
Serial No: 10/015,377 : IBM Corporation
Filed: 12/12/2001 : Intellectual Property Law
For: INTRUSION DETECTION METHOD: 1701 North St./Dept. IQ0A
METHOD AND SIGNATURE TABLE : Endicott, NY 13760

Docket: RSW920010214US1
Patent No.: 7,150,043 B2

Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT

Dear Sir:

Please find attached a Certificate of Correction (Form PTO/SB/044). The error was in part the fault of the Patent and Trademark Office. The facts are as follows: On April 13, 2006, Applicant filed a Request for Pre-Appeal, and a Pre-Appeal Brief. Sometime between April 13, 2006 and May 23, 2006, the Examiner called Applicants' undersigned attorney and requested to amend claim 31 by Examiner's Amendment to put claim 31 into condition for allowance. During that telephone call, the Examiner and Applicants' undersigned attorney agreed to the following amendment to claim 31:

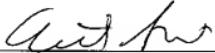
31. A method of detecting intrusions, said method comprising the steps of:
 - storing a plurality of intrusion signatures;
 - automatically detecting a multiplicity of system events having respective signatures;
 - comparing each of the multiplicity of system event signatures to said plurality of intrusion signatures, one of said system event signatures not matching any of said intrusion signatures and not corresponding to an intrusion, and other of said system event signatures matching respective ones of said intrusion signatures; and
 - storing said one system event signature not corresponding to an intrusion in association with said plurality of intrusion signatures;
 - recording a number of times that said each of said intrusion signatures matches a respective one of said system event signatures;
 - recording a number of times that said one system event has occurred;
 - subsequently ordering the stored plurality of intrusion signatures and said one system event signature based on the respective number of times that have been recorded for said plurality of intrusion signatures and said one system event signature, such that the signature for which the most number of times has been recorded is first in the order; and
 - subsequently comparing a signature of a subsequent system event with said signatures in said order until finding a match between said subsequent system event signature and one of said signatures in said order.

On May 23, 2006, the Examiner sent to Applicants a Notice of Allowability with an incorrect version of amended claim 31. In this incorrect version of amended claim 31, the Examiner improperly situated the phrase "not corresponding to an intrusion" at the very end of the storing step instead of after the term "event signature" in the middle of the storing step. Applicants did not notice this error, and the patent application issued with this phrase "not corresponding to an intrusion" at the very end of the storing step instead of after the term "event signature" as previously agreed by Applicants' undersigned attorney and the Examiner. This significantly changes the scope of the claim. Therefore, Applicants request a Certificate of Correction.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0457 for the Certificate of Correction and for any other fees which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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